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## **MAYOR BARRETT HOSTS SEMINAR FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES**

*Conference Will Focus on Growing Business with Federal Contracts*

MILWAUKEE---Mayor Barrett and the Wisconsin Procurement Institute will host a day-long seminar for local businesses on Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Italian Conference Center. An excellent group of federal agencies and Wisconsin companies will be present for the express purpose of assisting businesses with Federal contracting and sub-contracting opportunities.

“Exploring new avenues for business development is vital to Milwaukee’s future,” Mayor Barrett said. “This conference is another effort to ensure Milwaukee-area employers are well positioned for growth”

The conference will include briefings by the following federal agencies and prime contractors: CH2M Hill, Department of Veterans Affairs, DRS Power & Control Technologies, GE Healthcare, Marinette Marine Corporation, NAVFAC Midwest, Oshkosh Corporation, Rock Island, US Army Corps of Engineers – Chicago, and WPS Health Insurance.

“By participating in this seminar, businesses will be able to meet with Federal agency procurement officials and representatives of local firms that hold prime Federal contracts,” Mayor Barrett said. “This will allow for business-to-business networking opportunities that will hopefully result in more Federal funds being invested in Wisconsin companies.”

Registration is available by visiting the [Wisconsin Procurement Institute’s Web site, www.wispro.org](http://www.wispro.org), or by calling 414-270-3600.